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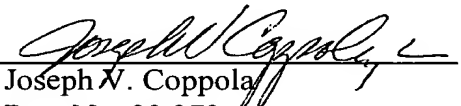
Prior to a formal examination of the above-identified application, acceptance of the new claims and the enclosed substitute specification is respectfully requested. The substitute specification and the new claims are submitted to conform this case to the formal requirements of U.S. Patent Office practice.

STATEMENT

The undersigned, an attorney registered to practice before the office, hereby states that the enclosed substitute specification contains no new subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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